

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An analyte-taking device includes a tube provided at one end with an analyte-taking element; a plug inside the tube; and at least one liquid contained in an inside space of the tube separated from the analyte-taking element by the plug. The plug can be arranged, in use, to be expelled together with the liquid when the liquid leaves the inside space of the tube. The liquid can be an analyte-taking liquid suitable for facilitating the taking of at least one analyte by the analyte-taking element. The liquid can also be a reagent suitable for producing an observable reaction in the presence of an analyte picked up by the analyte-taking element.